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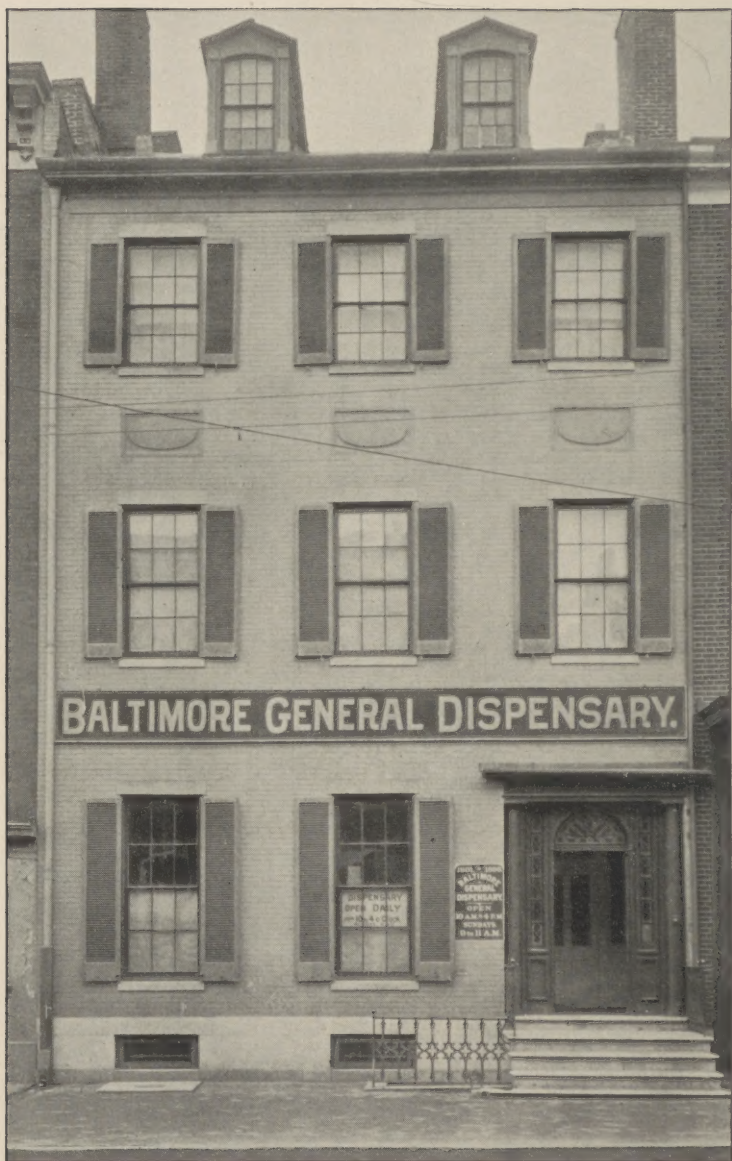
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Vice-President,	.	.	.	.	J. G. WILSON.
Treasurer,	.	.	.	.	C. E. BAKER.
Secretary,	.	.	.	.	ADRIAN OUDESLUYS.

MANAGERS.

THOS. MACKENZIE,	ADRIAN OUDESLUYS,
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STAFF OF PHYSICIANS.

PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE.

DR. HENRY M. BAXLEY.

VISITING PHYSICIANS.

DR. E. A. MUNOZ,	DR. S. G. DAVIS,
DR. HAUGHTON BAXLEY.	

Charter.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BALTIMORE GENERAL DISPENSARY, PASSED NOVEMBER SESSION, 1807.

WHEREAS, a Dispensary has been established in the City of Baltimore, for the purpose of affording medical aid to the indigent poor of that city and its precincts, which has been supported for several years past by the voluntary contributions of a number of charitable persons, and has been extensively beneficial in its effects in relieving the poor from sickness and preserving the health of the city, under the direction of managers appointed by the contributors to the said Institution: And, whereas, this General Assembly are desirous to encourage and give permanence to an Institution of such public utility;

2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the contributors to the Baltimore General Dispensary, as well as those who shall hereafter become contributors, shall be and they are hereby created and made a corporation and body politic forever hereafter, by the name, style and title of "The President and Managers of the Baltimore General Dispensary," and by that name shall have succession, and be capable in law of purchasing, holding, selling, leasing and conveying lands, tenements,

goods, chattels, and other property, real, personal and mixed ; provided, that the value of the property held at one time shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars, and to sue and be sued, plea and be impleaded, and to make, have and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at pleasure, and generally to do all acts and things which may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this charter.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the present managers, to wit : Reverend Joseph G. J. Bend, President, the Reverend Francis Beeston, the Reverend James Inglis, Doctor John Crawford, William Wilson, Baltzer Schaeffer, Philip E. Thomas, Isaac Burneston, Andrew Ellicott, George Warner, James Ramsay and William Gwynn, are hereby declared to be president and managers of the said institution under this charter, and as such shall have a right to act until an election shall take place in the manner hereinafter directed.

4. *And be it enacted*, That any person who hath at any time contributed, or shall hereafter contribute, to the use of the said institution, the sum of fifty dollars, shall be considered and is hereby declared to be, during life, a contributor, and as such entitled to vote at all annual elections for managers to the said General Dispensary, to recommend indigent poor to the care of the institution and to enjoy all other rights and privileges to which contributors are, or shall be entitled under this Act, and under such by-laws as the managers from time to time make and establish ; and every person who hath contributed or shall contribute, to the use of the said institution, the sum of five dollars, shall be deemed a contributor within the meaning of this charter, for the term of one year next after

the time of paying such contribution, and entitled to all rights and privileges as such during the said term.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the contributors to the Baltimore General Dispensary shall annually, at such time and place, and in such manner as the president and managers shall by their by-laws direct and appoint, elect twelve of the contributors to act as managers of the General Dispensary, and the persons, so elected, shall be entitled to hold their office until a new election shall take place ; the managers for the time being shall have power to fill all vacancies in their own body occasioned by the death, resignation, refusal to serve, or removal from the city and its precincts, of any manager ; to appoint their own president, and all other officers of the institution, to fix the salary of the apothecary and attending physicians, and prescribe their duties ; to remove or displace any of the officers of the said Institution whom they may adjudge to be guilty of misconduct or neglect of duty, and appoint a person to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned until the next annual election ; to regulate the expenses and manage the funds of the institution ; to make such rules and by-laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this charter in the most full and beneficial manner, or as they may think necessary for the promotion, regulation, government and convenience of the said General Dispensary, the same not being contrary to the laws and constitution of this State or of the United States, and generally to do all acts and things which may appertain to them to do.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said president and managers may call a meeting of the contributors at any time when they think the interest of the Institution may require, and any five of the managers shall be a quorum

to exercise the powers and execute the duties granted and required by this Act, and may, during the absence of any officer, appoint an officer, *pro tempore*, to supply his place.

7. *And* for the purpose of assisting the funds of the said institution *Be it enacted*, That all fines imposed in Baltimore County on persons convicted of keeping houses of ill-fame, shall be and they are hereby appropriated to the use of the said General Dispensary, and when collected shall be paid to such person as the president and managers shall appoint as their treasurer.

(Supplement relating only to a Lottery, see Session 1813, chap. 132.)



By-Laws.

RIGHTS OF CONTRIBUTORS.

1. Every contributor to the support of the Dispensary shall be entitled to one vote, at the election of Managers, for every five dollars which he or she may have paid within twelve months immediately preceding the election at which he or she offers to vote.

MODE OF VOTING.

2. The election of Managers shall be by ballot; all male contributors shall vote in person, but female contributors may vote by written proxies.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS.

3. The annual election of Managers shall be held on the second Tuesday after the first day of January, or within ten days thereafter, by the Judges, who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the last quarterly meeting, and at such time and place within the City of Baltimore as the Managers shall appoint, of which at least four days' notice shall be given in one or more newspapers in the said City; and the twelve persons having the greatest number of votes, and qualified, as the Act of Incorporation requires, shall be declared duly elected.

MEETINGS OF MANAGERS.

4. The Managers shall meet on the first Thursday succeeding the day of election, and on the first Tuesday in March, June, September and December, at the hour and place which may be most convenient to the Managers.

At the meeting in January the retiring Treasurer shall present a full and complete report of his accounts, showing receipts of moneys and the disbursements, with vouchers, for the preceding

fiscal year, and balance of cash on hand, together with a list of securities; whereupon an Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman, at that meeting, to audit the Treasurer's accounts and examine the securities.

DUTIES OF MANAGERS.

5. It shall be the duty of the Managers to procure, or to have procured, medicines for the indigent sick who shall be under the care of the Dispensary, and to provide that the same shall be duly administered by or under the direction of the attending Physicians. They may also allow, out of the funds of the Institution, medicinal refreshments in cases of extreme need, which shall be furnished at the discretion of the Standing Committee. The Managers shall have power to distribute the districts among the attending Physicians by assigning to each such district as they may think most conducive to the welfare of the patients.

Within ten days preceding every annual election of the Managers, they shall publish a statement of the number of patients, who shall have been under the care of the Dispensary for the year past, and invite, by public notice, candidates for the attending Physicians.

BOUNDARIES.

6. The limits of the practice of the Visiting Physicians at the dwellings of patients shall be all that part of the city bounded by

North Avenue on the North,
West side Jones' Falls on the East,
Pratt Street to Fremont, to Cross, to Ramsay, to Payson,
on the South,
Payson Street on the West,

arranged into three districts, viz: Eastern, Central and Western.

ELIGIBILITY OF HOUSE AND ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

7. No person shall be considered as eligible to the office of House or Attending Physician unless he has graduated in some respectable Medical School, and registered in Maryland. They shall receive such salaries as the Managers may determine.

DUTIES OF PHYSICIANS.

8. It shall be the duty of each attending physician to attend to all indigent sick residing within the district assigned to him,

who shall come under the care of the Dispensary ; diligently giving advice and prescribing at the Dispensary for all such as shall be able to go abroad, and visiting at their places of abode all those whose situation may require it. To embrace every opportunity of taking proper objects under the care of the Dispensary. To attend every day at the Dispensary during such hours as the Managers shall, by resolution, direct and publicly notify.

No physician shall be permitted to resign his office without giving one month's written notice to the President, under the penalty of forfeiting his salary.

The attending physicians are not permitted to employ each other, nor any other person, to attend to their respective duties, except in case of their indisposition or necessary absence from the city, and then only with the approbation of the Board, or of the Standing Committee.

Patients, whether in or out-door, on application at the Dispensary, shall be attended to as soon as possible ; and the physicians in their intercourse with them are expected to exercise that forbearance and patience which their circumstances may render necessary.

If in-door patients apply at the Dispensary, after the physician in whose district they are located has visited it for the day, the physician in charge, if the case appears to require immediate attention, shall give the applicant a written direction to the residence or office of the physician ; and it shall be the duty of said physician to visit the patient forthwith. In case of emergency, when the physician cannot be found in whose district such case may occur, it shall be the duty of any physician of this Institution, who may be first met with, to visit such sick person. The physician in charge and attending physicians are particularly required to promote, as much as possible, the ease, comfort and confidence of the patients calling at the Dispensary for the benefits of the Institution ; and they will discourage the visits of all persons unconnected therewith.

The physicians shall be required to state in their prescription book the names and residences of all the patients, their names and residences to be stated in the margin, for the information of the Standing Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Physician in charge to make a quarterly report to the Managers, and to suggest and lay before them for their consideration any new regulations, or improvements that

may occur to him ; and also to communicate to the Board or Standing Committee any instances of abuse in the Dispensary. To report all cases of small-pox and contagious and infectious diseases to the Board of Health immediately on his knowledge of the fact. To give verbal directions, and have attached to all prescriptions plainly written *directions* for the patients. He shall hold a consultation on every case that may require it. When any important operation is to be performed upon patients of the Dispensary, the House Physician shall be in consultation, and no important operation shall be performed upon such patient except by the surgeon of the Institution. The Physician shall prescribe for patients from all parts of the city, upon their calling at the Dispensary, and are required to discharge the duties of their office in conformity with the rules of the Institution, and also to subscribe to a copy of the duties of attending physicians as contained in the By-Laws of the Baltimore General Dispensary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

9. A President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Physicians and Apothecary, and such other officers as the Managers may think necessary to the ends of the Institution, shall be annually elected by them, at their first stated meeting after their own election.

DUTIES OF PHYSICIAN-IN-CHARGE.

10. It shall be the duty of the House Physician to take charge of, and preserve from loss or injury, all medicines, furniture, instruments, books and other articles which may be committed to his care by the Managers or contributors for the use of the Institution ; to compound and deliver, with suitable *written directions*, all medicines prescribed by the attending Physicians ; to keep the Dispensary open from ten o'clock A. M. to four o'clock P. M. on every day, (Sundays excepted, on which day he is directed to open at nine o'clock A. M. and close at eleven o'clock A. M.,) and to give his constant attention, and to require that of the Assistant Apothecary, if necessary, during the hours above mentioned ; and to perform such duties, in addition to those prescribed in these By-Laws, as the Managers may, from time to time, require. He shall carefully observe economy in all things pertaining to his department, be particularly careful and accurate in the delivery of

medicines, and permit no person to enter or remain in the Dispensary rooms unnecessarily. For all which services he shall receive a salary to be fixed by the Board of Managers before going into the election.

The House Physician or Assistant Apothecary shall put up all medicines (provided the articles are in the office) prescribed by any regular physician of the city, for such persons as cannot afford to pay for medicines or medical attendance, provided such prescriptions are directed to the Baltimore General Dispensary, and signed by a duly registered physician.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

11. The Treasurer shall give bond, if required, with approved security, for the faithful performance of his duties. He shall receive all money arising from subscriptions and other funds appropriated to the use of the Dispensary; he shall pay all accounts and orders passed by the Board of Managers and signed by the President or by a majority of the Standing Committee. He shall exhibit to the Managers, every three months, a statement of his accounts, and shall annually furnish a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, which may be published for the information of the contributors.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

12. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make minutes of the proceedings of the Managers at each meeting, and cause the same to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose, and to do such other duties peculiar to his station as the Managers may direct.

DUTIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

13. A Standing Committee, consisting of three members of the Board, shall be appointed by the President at the first stated meeting of the Managers, and at the quarterly meetings in March, June, September and December. Each committee shall serve until a new appointment. Their duties shall be to oversee the manner in which the business of the Dispensary is conducted, to direct the purchase of all articles wanted for the use of the Institution, and draw on the Treasurer for such sums as may be

required. It shall be their duty to attend at the Dispensary each of them once a week at least, and to report at every quarterly meeting of the Managers. If complaint be made of misconduct or neglect on the part of any physician, or of any employee of the Institution, it shall be the duty of the Committee to investigate the same; and if necessary, report the facts to the Board. They may visit the in-door patients whenever so inclined, either in company with the physicians or not.

The President shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of the Standing Committee.

REGULATIONS OF THE DISPENSARY ROOMS.

14. The Dispensary Rooms shall be exclusively devoted to the use of the Institution, unless by the special permission of the Standing Committee, and no smoking shall be allowed therein.

15. No persons shall be deemed objects of this charity but such as are really necessitous, and cannot afford to pay for medicines or the attendance of physicians.

16. All applications from Physicians or Assistant Apothecary for leave of absence must be made to the Standing Committee; and except in case of sickness, no application for a longer period than three months will be granted, unless by special permission of the Managers.

Notice.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers, held December 7th, 1871, it was

"RESOLVED, Physicians before registering their names at the Dispensary, are required to exhibit their Diplomas."

Book of Registration can be seen by applying to the House Physician.

By order of the

BOARD OF MANAGERS,

Baltimore General Dispensary.

Resolutions.

RESOLVED, That all the indigent sick, who are objects of this Institution's charity, who may not reside within the districts as specified, provided they come to the Dispensary, shall receive medical aid ; they, however, will not be considered as entitled to attendance at their homes.

RESOLVED, That it be strictly enjoined upon patients to return the vials in which they shall have received their medicines.

RESOLVED, That the physicians of this Institution shall, if deemed entitled thereto by the Managers, receive a certificate on retiring from the Dispensary, expressing the length of time they have acted as physicians, and the faithful and diligent manner in which they have attended to the duties of their appointment, which certificate shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and shall have attached thereto the seal of the Dispensary, and which shall be as follows :

Baltimore General Dispensary.

This is to certify that Doctor A. B. has been one of the Physicians of the Baltimore General Dispensary for the last
....., and that he has faithfully and diligently attended to the important duties of his appointment.

Baltimore,

[SEAL.]

.....*President.*

.....*Secretary.*

Form of Agreement with the City.

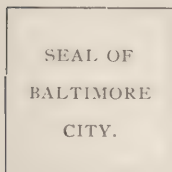
This Agreement, made this day of 189 .. , by the Baltimore General Dispensary, a corporation duly chartered under the Laws of Maryland, and Mayor of Baltimore, contracting, under the advice of the City Solicitor, for and on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, under and by authority of Ordinance No., dated and of Ordinance No. dated witnesseth that it is hereby agreed between the respective parties hereto, as follows:

FIRST: That for and in consideration of service rendered to the City of Baltimore, during the year ending December 31st, 189 .., in supplying medicines to the indigent sick of the City of Baltimore, as may be prescribed by any physician authorized to practice by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, during two hours on all week days, except public holidays, and during one hour on all public Holidays and Sundays. The said Baltimore General Dispensary shall receive from the Mayor and City Council aforesaid, the sum of ten (10) cents for every person so treated, not exceeding Dollars in the aggregate for the year, the first payment to be made during the month of July, as shall be ascertained to be due

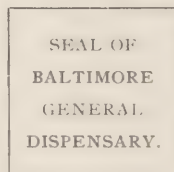
at the beginning of said month, and thereafter at the end of each quarter of the year, the final payment to be made on the last day of the month of December, as may be found to be due at that time.

SECOND: The said Baltimore General Dispensary prior to each payment by the said Mayor and City Council, shall present to the City Comptroller, a detailed statement showing the amount and character of services rendered, verified by the officer in charge, with amount claimed to be due under this contract, which amount, if found correct, shall be paid by the City Register, upon the warrant of the City Comptroller at the times already set forth.

THIRD: It is hereby covenanted and agreed that the said Mayor and City Council shall in no event incur, under this contract, any obligation to pay any amount in excess of the sum appropriated for said purpose, as hereinbefore mentioned.



In Testimoy whereof, the said Baltimore General Dispensary hath set its Corporate Seal hereto, attested by the signatures of its President and the said



....., Mayor of Baltimore, hath set his hand, and caused the corporate seal of Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to be hereto affixed.

Witness,..... [SEAL.]

Witness,..... [SEAL.]

ACT 1894, CHAPTER 519, NOW SEC. 439 TO 442, NEW
CITY CHARTER, 1898.

AN ACT to amend Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Fines and Forfeitures," and to add certain sections thereto, to be designated Sections 306, 307, 308 and 309, and provide for an equal distribution among the dispensaries of the City of Baltimore of fines imposed for keeping houses of ill-fame.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," be amended, and that certain new sections be added thereto, to follow Section 305, and to be numbered Sections 306, 307, 308 and 309, and to read as follows :

306. The Sheriff of Baltimore City shall, on or before the first day of December in each year, divide equally all fines imposed by the Criminal Court of Baltimore City on persons convicted for keeping houses of ill-fame, among such incorporated dispensaries of said city as shall comply with the provisions of the succeeding section.

307. Such fines shall be divided equally among those incorporated dispensaries which shall, within ten days after the tenth day of November in each year, file in the office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City separate reports, the truth of each of which shall be sworn to by one of the officers of the dispensary filing the same, before any officer of the State of Maryland authorized by law to administer oaths, showing that in the year preceding such tenth day of November the said dispensary had under its charge more than two thousand separate persons as patients, and that its said dispensary was open for the treatment of disease two hours daily, and for the free distribution of medicine to the poor six hours daily on each week day and two continuous hours on each Sunday in said year.

308. In case said fines shall not be claimed by any such dispensary in the manner specified in the two preceding sections, then said fines shall be paid by the Sheriff to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

309. The said Sheriff's official bond shall be responsible for the faithful payment of said money as hereinbefore provided, and shall be liable for any default in any duty herein required to be performed by him.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to affect the practice in prosecutions for keeping bawdy-houses or houses of ill-fame.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect on the first day of January, 1895.

Approved April 6th, 1894.

The Report of the President and Managers of the Baltimore General Dispensary, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of Maryland.

This report respectfully shows to the Sheriff of Baltimore City: That said Dispensary had under its charge during the year preceding the tenth day of November, more than two thousand separate persons as patients. That the said Dispensary was open for the treatment of disease two hours daily, and for the free distribution of medicine to the poor six hours daily on each week day and two continuous hours on each Sunday in said year.

In witness whereof, the said corporation hath hereunto affixed its seal, and, the President, and, the Secretary thereof, have each subscribed their names hereto, on the day of, 18.....

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, Sct.:

I hereby certify that on this day of, 18....., personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland,, House Physician of the President and Managers of the Baltimore General Dispensary, a corporation under the laws of Maryland, and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing report are true, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



The
Oldest Charity in Baltimore.

Baltimore General Dispensary.



Form of Money Legacy.

"I give and bequeath to the President and Managers of the Baltimore General Dispensary, the sum of _____ dollars, which I intend shall be a charge on my real or personal estate."

Form of a Specific Legacy of Real or Leasehold Property.

I give and bequeath to the President and Managers of the Baltimore General Dispensary, the following piece of property.

(Here describe property.)

ARTICLE IV—CHARTER.

4. *And be it enacted*, That any person who hath at any time contributed, or shall hereafter contribute, to the use of said institution, the sum of fifty dollars, shall be considered and is hereby declared to be, during life, a contributor, and as such entitled to vote at all annual elections for managers to the said General Dispensary, to recommend indigent poor to the care of the institution, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges to which contributors are, or shall be entitled under this Act, and under such by-laws as the managers from time to time make and establish; and every person who hath contributed or shall contribute, to the use of the said institution, the sum of five dollars, shall be deemed a contributor within the meaning of this charter, for the term of one year next after the time of paying such contribution, and entitled to all rights and privileges as such during the said term.

The Oldest Charity in Baltimore.

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Baltimore General Dispensary,

651 WEST LEXINGTON STREET.

Of the many charities of our city, there are none that antedate the Baltimore General Dispensary, none that have struggled through greater vicissitudes, at the same time keeping pace with the medical progress of the age, or that with equally limited pecuniary resources, have accomplished the same amount of good, in a quiet, modest, unobtrusive way.

With the dawning of the present century (1801), a society was formed under the auspices of Emmanuel Kent, Elisha Tyson, Wm. Maccreeery, Richard Stewart and others, for the purpose of furnishing medical relief to the indigent poor, and it was alone supported by the voluntary contributions of the charitably disposed.

So marked were the beneficial results accomplished, that in 1807, it was incorporated under the name of THE BALTIMORE GENERAL DISPENSARY, and thereby became the *third* chartered institution in the State of Maryland; the Equitable Fire Insurance Co., and the Bank of Baltimore, alone preceding it.

Officers.

1801 TO 1900.

1801	{ Emmanuel Kent.....	President.
	{ Wm. MacCreery.....	Clerk.
1802	{ Rev. Dr. Jas. G. J. Bend.....	President.
to	{ Emmanuel Kent.....	Treasurer.
1806	{ Wm. P. Matthews.....	Secretary.
1806	{ Rev. Dr. Jas. G. J. Bend.....	President.
to	{ P. C. Thomas.....	Treasurer.
1809	{ Wm. Gwynn.....	Secretary.
1809	{ Rev. Dr. Jas. G. J. Bend.....	President.
to	{ Wm. Gwynn.....	Secretary and Treasurer.
1813	{ Bishop James Kemp.....	President.
to	{ Wm. Gwynn.....	Secretary and Treasurer.
1821	{ Bishop James Kemp.....	President.
	{ Mr. Thomas.....	Treasurer.
	{ Alex. Fridge.....	Secretary.
1822	{ Bishop James Kemp.....	President.
to	{ Sam'l Harding.....	Treasurer.
1824	{ Alex. Fridge.....	Secretary.
1824	{ Luke Tiernan.....	President.
to	{ Sam'l Harding.....	Treasurer.
1827	{ Alex. Fridge.....	Secretary.
1827	{ Luke Tiernan.....	President.
to	{ Dr. George Williams.....	Treasurer.
1836	{ Alex. Fridge.....	Secretary.
	{ Luke Tiernan.....	President.
1836	{ Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
	{ Alex. Fridge.....	Secretary.
1837	{ Alex. Fridge.....	President.
to	{ Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
1839	{ Edward Ridgley.....	Secretary.

1839	{	Jas. Wilson.....	President.
to		Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
1850	{	Edward Ridgley.....	Secretary.
1850	{	James Wilson.....	President.
	{	John Walsh ..	Vice-President.
	{	Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
	{	Edward Ridgley.....	Secretary.
1851	{	John F. Poor.....	President.
	{	John Walsh.....	Vice-President.
	{	Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
	{	Edward Ridgley.....	Secretary.
1852	{	John F. Poor.....	President.
	{	John Walsh.....	Vice-President.
	{	Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
	{	David Keener.....	Secretary.
1853	{	John F. Poor.....	President.
to		John Walsh.....	Vice-President.
1858	{	Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
	{	W. H. Brown.....	Secretary.
1858	{	W. W. Handy.....	President.
to		Jos. Cushing, Jr.....	Vice-President.
1862	{	Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
	{	W. H. Brown.....	Secretary.
1862	{	Joseph Cushing, Jr.....	President.
to		Capt. Wm. Kennedy.....	Vice-President.
1864	{	Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
	{	W. H. Brown.....	Secretary.
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	{	Capt. Wm. Kennedy.....	Vice-President.
	{	Matthew Smith.....	Treasurer.
	{	W. H. Brown.....	Secretary.
1865	{	Joseph Cushing, Jr.....	President.
to		Capt. Wm. Kennedy.....	Vice-President.
1868	{	Thos. J. Wilson.....	Treasurer.
	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	Secretary.
1868	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	President.
to		Dr. John K. McCulloh.....	Vice-President.
1874	{	Thos. J. Wilson.....	Treasurer.
	{	John J. Thomsen.....	Secretary.
1874	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	President.
to		W. H. Brown.....	Vice-President.
1878	{	Thos. J. Wilson.....	Treasurer.
	{	John J. Thomsen.....	Secretary.

1878	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	President.
		Col. W. M. Boone.....	Vice-President.
		Thos. J. Wilson.....	Treasurer.
		John J. Thomsen.....	Secretary.
1879 to 1884	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	President.
		Thos. Whitridge.....	Vice-President.
		Thos. J. Wilson.....	Treasurer.
		John J. Thomsen.....	Secretary.
1884 to 1886	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	President.
		Chas. L. Oudesluys.....	Vice-President.
		Thos. J. Wilson.....	Treasurer.
		John J. Thomsen.....	Secretary.
1886	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	President.
		Thos. J. Wilson.....	Vice-President and Treasurer.
		John J. Thomsen.....	Secretary.
1887 to 1892	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	President.
		S. Hamilton Caughey.....	Vice-President.
		Thos. J. Wilson.....	Treasurer.
		John J. Thomsen.....	Secretary.
1892 to 1896	{	Dr. J. Brown Baxley.....	President.
		Thos. Mackenzie.....	Vice-President.
		Chas. E. Baker.....	Treasurer.
		Adrian Oudesluys.....	Secretary.
1896 to 1900	{	Thos. Mackenzie.....	President.
		J. G. Wilson.....	Vice-President.
		Chas. E. Baker.....	Treasurer.
		Adrian Oudesluys.....	Secretary.

Among its earliest Managers were the Right Rev. James Kemp, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Maryland; Rev. Enoch Fenwick, Dr. John Cromwell, Solomon Betts and Philip E. Thomas, first president of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road. Then follow the names of

Rev. J. G. J. Bend, Francis Beeston, Rev. James Inglis, Dr. John Crawford, W. B. Schaeffer, Isaac Burneston, Andrew Ellicot, William Wilson, George Warner, James Ramsay, William Gwynn, Rev. Daniel Kurtz, Richard Stewart, Owen Dorsey, John Hillen, Alexander Fridge, Dr. Maxwell McDowell, Samuel Sterrett, George Hoffman, Thomas C. Jenkins, John Walsh, Isaac Tyson, Samuel Harden, Rev. James Whitfield, Dr. W. W. Handy, Luke Tiernan, William Norris, Evan T. Poultney, Joseph Cushing, Robert Casey, John Howes, Edwin Dorsey, C. E. Smith, William Wilkins, John Gibson, Phillip Littig, R. H. Thomas, Edward Ridgely, R. P. Brown, Matthew Smith, J. R. Kelso, Dr. David Keener, James Wilson, Dr. J. H. McCulloh, Fred. Focke, O. C. Tiffany, Hugh Davy Evans, Enoch Pratt, T. M. Locke, Thomas J. Wilson, Haslet McKim, Dr. R. S. Stewart, W. H. Brown, Joseph Cushing, Jr., Wm. Woodward, J. Brown Baxley, Alonzo Lilly, J. W. Jenkins, William Kennedy, Deeter Bargar, J. J. Thomsen, Charles Markell, W. J. Rieman, Dr. J. R. McCulloh, T. M. Smith, Dr. J. A. Stewart, Dr. H. H. Keener, W. M. Boone, C. L. Oudesluys, H. C. Smith, Jesse Tyson, S. H. Caughy, C. E. Baker, N. H. Jennings, D. D. Mallory, W. A. Tucker, L. B. Purnell.

In reviewing the Records of the Dispensary, so intimately connected with the early history of our city, we find much that is interesting as to the ways of doing things in the town of Baltimore, in the olden time. We learn

that during the early financial struggles of the Institution in 1819, application was made to the Commissioner of Lotteries, to have a lottery drawn for the benefit of the Dispensary, in regular rotation, under the laws of the state. This resort does not seem to have afforded however, more than temporary relief, for we find it recorded two years later, that "under the pecuniary difficulties that for some time past have pressed on this Institution, and which now threaten its extinction, the Managers feel it to be a duty they owe to the citizens of Baltimore, as well as to themselves, and to that numerous class of afflicted poor, who have for a number of years derived extensive benefits,

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to make one new urgent appeal to the benevolence of their fellow citizens, before they abandon this most valuable establishment to the destiny which now threatens it, if a more general and efficient support is not given to it, than it has received for several years past."

These were evidently the dark days of the Dispensary, for in June, 1822, it is stated that "at a special meeting of the Managers, present Rev. Jas. Whitfield, Isaac Tyson, John Walsh and the Secretary,—who after waiting one hour, adjourned with regret, as it evidently appears this useful Institution is in its last stage of existence, from the apathy and indifference of its Managers."

And yet it struggled on for very existence, and the extreme lowness of its funds in 1824, may be judged by the following resolution passed by the Board :

"Resolved that the candidates for the situation of Physician to the Institution, and the public be notified that from the lamentable falling off in liberality, or some other cause, the funds are likely to be too low to pay any salary

to the attending physicians the ensuing year, and that therefore those to be elected may expect to serve gratuitously, dependent however on the state of the funds at the end of the year."

Still it seems that during this very period of greatest depression, when its usefulness must have been correspondingly impaired, the brave little Institution was accomplishing its work of charity : the poor from all parts of the city, who sought its aid, received medicines gratuitously, and from Jones Falls on the East, the Middle Branch of the Patapsco on the South, and Boundary Avenue on the West and North, all the indigent who needed professional service at their residences were visited by the physicians of the Institution and the medicines supplied.

During this period the Dispensary furnished a refuge to lost children, and under its sheltering roof, which afforded protection to many a little wanderer, were the scenes enacted of those heart-stirring reunions when that which was lost was found again.

Such work as it accomplished even then, called forth both grateful and substantial recognition ; for in 1820, a letter was received from Mr. Joseph K. Stapleton, on behalf of the Masons of this city, inclosing \$126.60, being a donation to the Dispensary from that Society. We know enough of the workings of this world-wide Fraternity to feel assured that it had fully investigated as to the merits of an institution to which such donation was made.

In the year following, the " Humane and Impartial Society," (an organization, the object of which, so far as can be ascertained, was to rescue drowning persons,) being about to discontinue its existence, bequeathed to the Dispensary its apparatus, consisting of box, reel, drag and bier.

The broad nature of the charity which the Dispensary ever exercised, and which fully entitled it to the appellation of *General*, is told in a letter of April 4th, 1822, received from the secretary of the Hibernian Society, "tendering thanks to the managers of the Dispensary for relief afforded the sick emigrants from Ireland during the past year."

Among the corps of physicians who from time to time have been connected with the Baltimore General Dispensary are the names of many who have taken the front rank in their profession, as well as in the confidence and affection of those with whom the memory of their skill and kindly sympathy is still fresh, and will remain forever green. Doctors George Brown, (of Brown and MacKenzie), John Cromwell and Maxwell McDowell are among the very first; then follow Joshua J. Cohen, J. D. Smith, William Mosher, Allender Archer, M. S. Baer, A. Alexander, J. B. Taylor, E. Way, Geo. Bell Gibson, Geo. A. Dunkel, H. W. Webster, F. Davidge, George Frick, G. D. Norris, R. S. Steuart, William Howard, John Fornerdon, Nathaniel Potter, John Buckler, H. W. Baxley, N. R. Smith, E. G. Edrington, J. B. McDowell, E. W. Carrera, W. L. Knapp, John W. Graetham, H. N. Martin, William Riley, H. N. Lloyd, S. Collins, G. H. Wetherall, J. C. Richards, W. H. Davis, William E. Coale, William Grier, James Hamelton, Charles Massey, H. Starr, J. H. McCulloh, G. W. Bailey, D. P. Hoffman, W. P. Tilden, M. L. Donaldson, E. A. Marris, B. R. Hall, T. G. Atkinson, W. T. Wilson, J. W. Houck, S. R. Tilghman, Frank Donaldson, W. H. Medcalf, W. D. Jamison, John Whitridge, G. S. Buckner, J. A. Stewart, J. C. Van Wick, W. H. Grafton, John De Butts, T. F. Murdoch, P. C. Williams, A. W. Emory, Felix Jenkins, Robert Atkinson, J. T. Chunn, Moses Merryman,

R. M. Jordan, Claude Baxley, W. H. Atkisson, Russell Murdoch, S. C. Chew, G. L. Robinson, G. D. Beatty, J. E. Mitchell, A. M. Saxton, William Lee, J. A. Marshall, C. F. Cordell, Lindsay Ellicott, W. H. Harrison, St. Geo. W. Teackle, J. G. Jay, W. F. Lockwood, Benj. Whitely, C. F. Bevan, T. P. McCormick, R. D. Morison, James Brown, W. C. Canfield, Herbert Harlan, H. M. Willson, T. W. Clark, S. B. Bond, J. Brown Baxley, Jr., Mactier Warfield, Wm. Jones, R. B. Warfield, H. Baxley, E. W. Willis, Henry M. Baxley, E. A. Munoz, F. Caruthers, S. G. Davis, W. H. Pearce, J. B. Saunders.

Dr. Richard S. Steuart, himself a Dispensing Physician in the beginning of his medical career and afterwards a manager, told his son that the list of Physicians to the Baltimore General Dispensary would one day be a *roll of honor* and it is.

It is not surprising with such an array of medical talent, that the Dispensary has ever kept pace with the progress of the times. Long before the date at which the profession became generally divided into Specialties, we find that in 1820, Dr. Buckler communicated to the Managers, a proposition of Dr. George Frick, "tendering his services gratuitously to the Institution in all diseases of the eye."

And anticipating by a number of years the office of the State and municipal government, in the collection and distribution of vaccine virus, we find that in 1821, "to facilitate the practice of vaccination, the Managers adopted measures to preserve to the Institution a constant supply of virus, and with a view to extend the benefit of vaccination, arrangements were made to furnish the matter to those who had occasion for its use."

The work in this direction must have been efficient, as it evidently received public recognition and appreciation, for in 1837, "a note was laid before the Managers from the Committee on Health, to know on what terms the Institution would perform the city vaccination."

August 18th, 1859, the following communication was directed to the Managers of the Baltimore General Dispensary :

Gentlemen :—The Vigilant Fire Co. of Baltimore, having disposed of its engine house and being desirous to appropriate the proceeds of sale to the most philanthropic objects, by a vote of the company, have determined to choose for its beneficence, the four Dispensaries of the city. We have therefore great pleasure in handing over to you the inclosed note of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, for the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, (\$833.33) for the use of the B. G. D.

MESSRS. CREAMER AND HESS, Committee.

The physicians of the Dispensary, necessarily from their intimate relations to the patients, more than any other of its officers, became acquainted with the practical workings of this deserving charity, and the needs yet required to most fully enhance its usefulness.

The truth is daily forced upon them, that in treating the indigent, more than medicine is often times required. This fact seems especially to have impressed the late Dr. William T. Wilson, and appreciating the difficulty of combating disease, with "poverty, hunger and dirt" for its allies, would often, when questioning his patient, and observing the surroundings, remark : "It is not medicine you want, but food and fuel;" and the ready hand would be thrust into his pocket, and the necessary means quietly

and unostentatiously supplied. How long, or how often these generous deeds were practiced, none may know; and when at last the final summons came that called him hence from his chairitable deeds, it was found that still the poor were not forgotten, for there was a provision for them in his will, amounting to \$5,000, the interest of which was to be expended by the physicians in their Dispensary practice, for "clothing, bedding, fuel, and dietary food."

"Thus blessed by his bounty, did he build up for himself, a memorial of human lives."

Since the date of the donation, October, 1852, until January, 1899, there has been expended in accordance with the above, \$11,295.23, and of the entire amount, it is fair to presume that not one dime has been bestowed upon an unworthy object, for each and every case has come under the personal and minute investigation of the attending physician.

What a field for the exercise of benevolence is this broad, impartial charity! bound to no political party, it is unhampered by its corrupting arbitrary sway; owning no sectarian allegiance, its portals are thrown open alike to Protestant and Catholic, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Pagan. Knowing no distinction of sect or section, race or religion, the poor of all classes, whether the indigence be dependent upon misfortune, improvidence or vice, have found that like the blessed sunshine, it sheds its beneficent rays alike upon the just and the unjust; knowing no rarity in its "Christian Charity."

It is time that our good citizens awakened to a realization of the work which the Baltimore General Dispensary has been for so long a period quietly and unostentatiously accomplishing; and so modest has been its

management, that to many in our very midst, its existence has been unknown.

Still another charity this good institution has been accomplishing, though perhaps unwittingly. Not a few of the young physicians, who have faithfully served in the Dispensary, during their early professional struggles, have derived almost their entire income from its salary of \$100 per year. Moving in a social circle, and engaged in a profession where appearances count for much, and requiring the "habit" to be "costly as (the) purse can buy," and yet quite as poor as many of the patients they visited; every dollar of that money was sorely needed, judiciously expended, and most gratefully appreciated. And now in later years, they look back upon the Baltimore General Dispensary with an attachment that will never grow old, and they of all others best know the good it has done, its greatest needs in the development of a larger Charity, and how entirely its past record entitles it to the confidence and liberal support of the public.

And as the general public will remember how this Dispensary for many years occupied a small and unpretentious building on Liberty Street, near Fayette Street, it is not amiss now to remind them that in 1894 the demands upon the charities of this Institution became so much increased (at that time between 9,000 and 10,000 persons being annually attended and prescribed for) it was deemed necessary by the Managers to move into a larger and more commodious building. Accordingly, arrangements were made by which the large dwelling now occupied by the Dispensary at 651 West Lexington Street, was secured and there the charitable work has been continued. In the past five years, since its removal to its present

location, the Managers have been surprised at the steady increase in the demand made upon the facilities of the Institution. The employment of an additional Apothecary has become necessary, and the annual number of prescriptions furnished and patients attended now amount to about 20,000. In other words the work has been, practically, doubled in the past five years.

This Institution, owing to the provisions of the new City Charter, has found the sum annually appropriated towards its work by the city much reduced, and is more than ever in need of assistance from charitable persons. Those who feel inclined now to give money to its work, or to leave it legacies in their wills, could not bestow their benefactions upon a worthier object, as the perusal of the preceding pages must have convinced the reader.



Report of Patients etc. Baltimore General Dispensary For Past ten years.

Report year ending June 1891					Patients.	Visits.	House Rp.	Outside Rp.	Total	Qts
"	"	"	"	"	1897	14 923	345	18345	148	19193
"	"	"	"	"	1897	15093	300	18065	655	18720
"	"	"	"	"	1894	13516	919	14371	440	16811
"	"	"	"	"	1895	12317	902	14575	479	15037
"	"	"	"	"	1894	10141	714	12597	655	13252
"	"	"	"	"	1893	11271	652	13112	1401	15213
"	"	"	"	"	1892	7836	1392	13147	1337	14484
"	"	"	"	"	1891	11733	1591	14717	1819	16536
"	"	"	"	"	1890	12145	1992	15478	2244	17724
"	"	"	"	"	1889	11398	1494	14896	2294	16190

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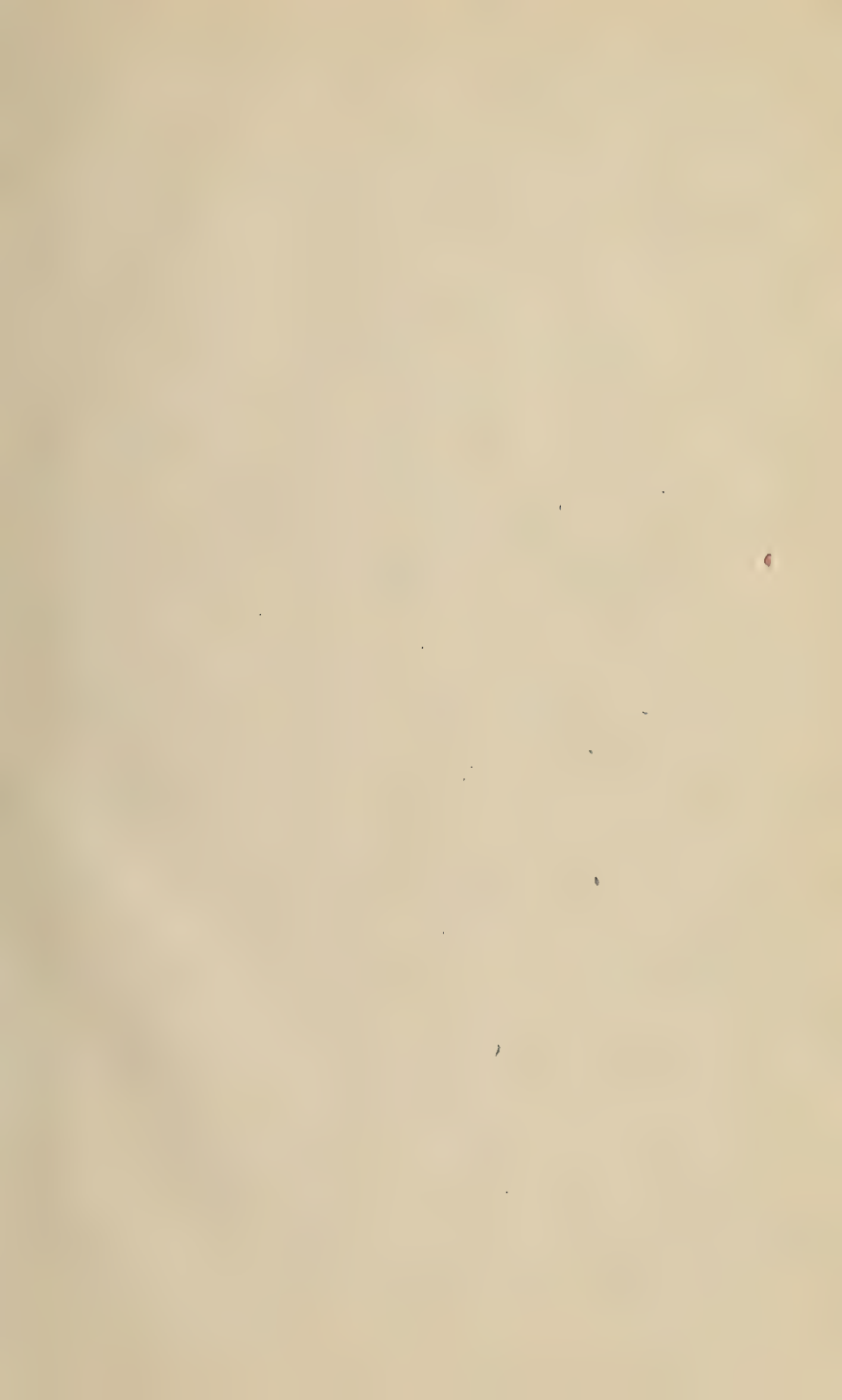


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